

TURKEY MINES DARDANELLES

Rep. Feild Links State Geologist Branner With Aluminum Co.

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

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The Balkans — Too Close to One Another

Germans invading Bulgaria Monday explain it really isn't like that at all—they are merely "guests." But, the way it is with guests sometimes, Bulgaria would have to burn her house down to be rid of them, and probably not then—which explains why Bulgaria admits they are "guests" and lets it go at that.

Today's news pictures recall the famous quip King Boris made about Bulgaria: "My ministers are pro-German, my wife is pro-Italian, my people are pro-Russian—I am the only neutral in the country."

Down in the Balkans an invader may be something more sinister than a guest—he may be an in-law. Bulgaria might burn down her house to get rid of a guest—but an in-law would be willing to burn the house down for her and then sit in the ashes.

And that's how Bulgaria is situated today. And the reason is that she lives in the Balkans, where most of the people are related either by blood or by marriage, and even the languages are faintly akin to each other.

Sometimes we Americans think it is tragic because of the whole Western Hemisphere only the United States and Canada have a common people and a common tongue.

But if the Balkans—the bloody Balkans—are any lesson to us, we have much to be thankful for that there are only two of us in the Western Hemisphere.

You would think that the many little nations of the Balkans, pressed tightly together by geography, more or less allied by culture and language, and with a thousand-year record of double-crossing and blood and fire behind them, would by a common front against the larger powers. But not so. The first time the word beckons the lambs go out one by one to the slaughter.

Over here there is no "cousin" business between North and South America. We are separated not only by a fortunate geography but by the equal fortunate circumstance of a diverse culture and tongue.

But between neighbors who respect each other there can be a peace more permanent and profound than between relatives.

This seems to be the tragic lesson of the Balkans—punctuated today by the German goose-step on Bulgarian soil.

Hempsteadian Makes Attack on House Floor

Feild Flays \$13,000 Fee Alleged Paid Branner by Aluminum Co.

Land Use Bill

LITTLE ROCK—(AP)—The opposition to the 1939 land policy act won a major victory in the house Monday by obtaining approval of an amendment to the land use appropriations bill which some said would kill the measure.

By a 42 to 21 vote the amendment by Edwin of Desha was adopted taking \$20,000 for the land use committee of the state planning board from the land sales revenue.

Field of Hempstead obtained leave of the House to read a two-page statement criticizing Dr. George Branner state geologist for accepting a fee for testifying for the American Aluminum Co. in the government's anti-trust suit against the firm.

Rep. Brickerhouse then obtained approval of the house for Branner to prepare an answer to the statement.

LITTLE ROCK — A sizzling attack against State Geologist George C. Branner was launched in a speech on the floor of the house Monday afternoon by Rep. Talbot Feild, Jr., of Hempstead, author of the bauxite tax bill.

Aid said: "A few days ago there appeared in the State papers a statement by Dr. George C. Branner, State Geologist, attempting to explain a \$13,000 fee paid to him by the Aluminum Company of America. This statement by Dr. Branner was grossly misleading."

"Throughout my pursuit of the public records in an attempt to see that the State of Arkansas might enjoy a 'just' recompense on her wealth of bauxite ore deposits, many interesting revelations have come to light. But none more astounding and flagrant than the public conduct of our State Geologist, George C. Branner. I sought information from the family of State."

"My remarks are not motivated by personal animosity. They are included in the sound theory that a man cannot serve two masters. The interests of the Aluminum Company of America and the People of Arkansas."

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\$14,000 Food Is Given Here

State Welfare Department Report for December

The following letter has been received from the State Department of Public Welfare by Hempstead County Judge Fred A. Luck:

Dear Sir:
I am listing below the number of pounds and units of food commodities and other items allocated to and received by your county during the month of December, 1940.

Commodity	Pounds	Value
Eggs	16,965	\$ 4,071.00
Dry skim milk	2,800	504.00
Wheat cereal	10,094	1,917.86
Corn meal	24,000	960.00
Graham flour	18,839 1/2	1,883.75
Rice	4,100	410.00
Apples	33,264	1,330.56
Smoked bacon	1,248	312.00
Dry salt meat	12,470	1,870.50
Dry beans	10,400	728.00
Total	134,230 1/2	\$13,993.47

Other Items	Each	Value
Sheets (81")	134	\$147.40
Sheets (90")	128	160.00
Total	262	\$307.40

During the month of December food commodities were distributed in your county by this Division to 1,324 cases or 8,448 persons.

Your cooperation in handling these commodities and items is appreciated and also your giving this information to your local newspapers.

Yours very truly,
John H. Pipkin, Commissioner
Department of Public Welfare
By: Norton Jones, State Director
Surplus Commodity Distribution

The Sentry Stews in Own Juice

CAMP SHELBY, Miss. —(AP)—The rookie sentry, heckled to the point of desperation by soldiers giving fictitious names when challenged, decided to take the matter in hand. So when a "Major Moses" answered his challenge, he promptly ordered: "Advance Moses and recite the 11 commandments."

The man who stepped up was a real Major Moses. And to add to the sentry's confusion he promptly recited each and every one of the commandments.

Nearly All to Report Income

All Business Houses and Land-owners Affected

Practically every business operator in Hope, and nearly every landowner, must file a federal income tax return, regardless whether any actual tax is to be paid, the local public was warned Monday by the Internal Revenue Service. The deadline for filing returns is Saturday, March 15.

A deputy collector arrived in Hope Monday and will remain at the local postoffice all this week to assist and advise local taxpayers in preparing their returns. Office hours are 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. While returns will not actually be made by the deputy, taxpayers are urged to bring their facts and figures so he can analyze them and suggest the manner in which their return is to be made and whether there is any liability for tax.

It was explained Monday that the new federal income tax law is based on gross income rather than net income as in past years. Any married person with a gross income in 1940 of \$2,000 or more, any single person with a gross income of \$800 or more, and any partnership regardless of its amount of business, must file a return even though their deductions show that they owe no tax.

Prior to this year the liability for filing a return was based on net income, that is, gross income less the allowable deductions. Now, however, a return must be filed based on gross income, although the usual deductions which will be taken off may show that no tax is owed.

The only change in the tax rate affecting the average taxpayer is the addition of the National Defense Tax—which is, 10 per cent of the tax, if any owed, not 10 per cent of net income, but 10 per cent of tax on income.

Patmos Takes County Title

Spring Hill Wins Senior Girls Championship

A scoring record of 77 points was rolled up by Jim Mayton of Patmos at Columbus Saturday night when the Patmos junior boys ran over the McCaskill juniors 90 to 27, (believe it or not) to take the Hempstead county basketball title.

Spring Hill took the senior girls championship title with a 46 to 21 win over Guernsey. Boyce of Spring Hill led the scoring with 23 points.

Washington Jr. boys 2, Pine Grove 0.

Spring Hill Sr. girls 27, Fulton girls 23.

Guernsey Jr. boys 14, Spring Hill Jr. boys 13.

Columbus girls 31, Guernsey girls 35.

McCaskill Jr. boys 16, Washington Jr. boys 14.

Patmos Jr. boys 47, Guernsey Jr. boys 8.

Columbus will close the basketball season Tuesday night with a double header with North Heights of Texarkana.

All-county selections: (junior boys) Forwards, Mayton of Patmos and Delaney of Columbus and Rowland of McCaskill.

Center: D. Mayton of Patmos.

Guards: Archer and Cox of Patmos.

No Hot Water

STASBOURG —(AP)—Because of strict rationing of heating materials in Alsace only cold water gushes from most hot water taps. Hospitals, restaurants, meat markets and some factories may have hot water. A barber shop is limited to one hot water faucet.

British to Cut Off Relations With Bulgaria

Germans Say Their Troops Are Only 'Guests' of Bulgaria

By the Associated Press

Turkey and Greece were declared to be speeding border defenses Monday as German armored troops overran Bulgaria and raced to the frontiers of Britain's allies in the Balkans.

Dispatches from the troubled zone reported this development and said Turkey had called up all naval reservists, rushed warships to the Dardanelles, and barred passage of that strategic waterway between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean to all ships without a permit.

Nazi legions swarming across pontoon bridges spanning the Danube river were reported to have quickly established positions at four Bulgarian towns within rapid striking distance of Greece or Turkey.

Field Marshal Gen. Sigmund List, commander-in-chief of Germany's Balkan armies, was said to have established headquarters in Sofia.

As the Nazis' fateful march developed speculation arose that Hitler would bring immediate pressure on Greece.

To Sever Relations

LONDON —(AP)—Authoritative British sources declared Monday a break in diplomatic relations with Axis Bulgaria "was imminent" and would come as soon as the situation there became either "dangerous or humiliating."

That time, they added, "apparently has just about been reached."

George Rendel, British minister to Sofia, was said to have been authorized to sever the relations "as quickly as he sees fit."

Officials here laughed at the suggestion made by a German spokesman in Berlin that Rendel might remain in Sofia since German troops are in Bulgaria as guests.

"They said it was highly improbable that Rendel would remain. They had not received definite word from him concerning his plans for departure but suggested this might be due to slowness of communications."

Britain shielded her next move in the new southeastern European situation created by Germany's military occupation of Bulgaria except for indications that the first step would be severance of diplomatic relations with Sofia.

Whether this action would be followed by air attacks on the Nazi legions or other moves remained the secret of the strategists charting the nation's war plans.

The News-Chronicle reflected a common view that "for some weeks" it had been known what Bulgaria would do "and so preparations had been made by Britain and her allies to meet the situation."

Germans Are "Guests"

BERLIN —(AP)—German troops entered Bulgaria as guests of the country, a spokesman declared Monday and are in no sense an occupying force controlling Bulgarian affairs.

The spokesman said there was no comparison, for example, with the situation in occupied Denmark, because Bulgaria, which signed the Axis partnership pact last Saturday, is in alliance with Germany and approved the presence of the troops.

Consequently, it was added, the British minister in Sofia could remain undisturbed—if he did not mind seeing German soldiers from his window.

German Troops on the Move

SOFIA —(AP)—Reports filtering into Sofia from the provinces Monday said the entire country was filling up with German troops moving swiftly southward toward Greece, and southeast toward Turkey.

The Vanguard of these troops already has reached the Greek frontier at one point only 65 miles from vital Salonika—and it was understood here that Britain probably would break off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria by mid-week.

King Boris was said by a highly reliable source to have given British Minister George Rendel no encouragement to remain when the two conferred here Sunday night. Previously Rendel was said to have informed the king that the break probably would come Tuesday and that a state of war "undoubtedly" would follow.

Sofia itself rapidly took on the aspect of a military camp with hundreds of Nazi officers arriving hourly.

Members of local Fascist organizations, their hands upraised in the salute, were seen everywhere.

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'My Ministers Are Pro-German ...'



King Boris' famous statement . . . "My ministers are pro-German, my wife is pro-Italian, my people are pro-Russian—I am the only neutral in the country" . . . bore fruit as Bulgarian Premier Bogdan Philoff signed with the axis in Vienna. Philoff is pictured above in a meeting with Von Ribbentrop, German foreign minister.

Ex-Hope Woman Dies in Texas

Mrs. Pauline Gibson Succumbs Late Saturday

Burial for Mrs. Pauline Gibson, about 43, former Hope woman who died Saturday at her home in San Angelo, Texas, will be held at the Rose Hill Cemetery at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Gibson was well-known in Hope having lived here for many years before moving to San Angelo. She had been in ill health for many years.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Mrs. Alton Terry of Brady, Texas, and Miss Nedra Gibson of San Angelo, and a sister Mrs. F. S. Horton of Hope.

Fallbearers: Kline Snyder, Eugene White, Chester L. Lester, Ched Hall, Pat Duffie, Claude Agee, Robert Wilson, Randolph Crutchfield and Frank Ward.

Local Girl Wins Contest

Barbara Sue Walker Is First at Conway Meet

Barbara Sue Walker of Hope placed first in the missionary reading contest at the 18th annual Girls Auxiliary conference at Central College at Conway Saturday. 305 were present making it the largest meeting in history.

Others attending from Hope included Mrs. A. C. Bennett, Bobbie Joyce Formby, Anne Faye Thrash, Ruth and Nancy Joe Coleman and Mrs. E. F. Formby, leader of the local auxiliary.

COTTON

By the Associated Press	New Orleans Cotton	
March	10.47	10.47
May	10.43	10.44
July	10.34	10.37
October	9.98	10.01
December	9.97	9.98
January	9.91	9.91
March	9.91	9.91

Famous Strait Is Closed to Sea Traffic

But Turkey Remains Calm Confronted by Nazi Sweep in Bulgaria

ISTANBUL (AP)—The Turkish navy has mined all except a narrow channel in the strategic Dardanelles strait it was disclosed authoritatively Monday.

The mining followed closing of the Dardanelles to all ships except those given special permits and employing Turkish naval pilots.

Turkish naval units also have been reported steaming toward the Dardanelles.

Ships seeking permission to pass through the strait connecting the Aegean sea and the Sea of Marmara must notify Turkish naval authorities by wireless six hours before the transit is to begin and give full identification.

Turkey was calm as German armies swarmed into Bulgaria. At least one small Nazi detachment was reported from Sofia to have reached the Bulgarian town of Svilengrad, almost on the three-nation frontier of Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria.

Authoritative sources said Turkey had "full defense precautions" but official circles remained silent on the question of mobilization.

The fleet units were said to have headed out of Istanbul across the Sea of Marmara from the strategic strait at about the same time the order was made public.

C. B. Wilson to Speak Here

Will Address Kiwanis at Tuesday Luncheon

Mr. C. B. Wilson, Little Rock, head of the new business department of the Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Co., will be the guest speaker at the noon day luncheon of the Hope Kiwanis Club in Hotel Barlow Tuesday noon. Ed Hankins of the local Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Co. staff, Mr. Wilson will show a moving picture of the development of the Natural Gas Industry, in addition to his talk.

Having appeared before the local Kiwanis group on previous dates, Mr. Wilson's program, is anticipated with real pleasure, club officials said.

Spring Hill Is Library Leader

Circulates 2,340 Books During Month of February

Spring Hill led the branch libraries in circulation during the month of February with 1261 adult books and 1078 juvenile books circulated . . . a total of 2340 books. The registration at Spring Hill is 302 adults and 218 juveniles a total of 520 members.

Fulton circulated 381 adult books and 340 juvenile books a total of 727 books during the month and 25 magazines. The registration is 179 adults and 97 juveniles a total of 275 members.

Washington circulated 432 adult and 521 juvenile books a total of 953 books and 86 magazines. 112 adult members and 221 juveniles a total of 333 members are circulated at this branch.

Blevins circulated 591 adult and 1108 juvenile books during the month a total of 1699 books and 37 magazines. There are 217 adult and 60 juvenile members, a total of 277 registered in this branch.

The headquarters library at Hope circulated 1254 adult books and 677 juvenile books. A total of 1931 books were circulated throughout the month. 91 adult magazines and 22 juvenile magazines were circulated. 35 new members were added bringing the total registration to 1911.

A Thought

In belief has the secret of all valuable exertion.—Bulwer.

Adkins Favors Marriage Bill

Expresses Disapproval of Revenue From Gambling

LITTLE ROCK — Enactment of legislation requiring a waiting period and other precautions in the issuance of a marriage certificate were favored by Governor Adkins in an address before the Little Rock District Methodist Training School at the First Methodist church Sunday.

In the talk, in which he said he had been asked to restate his position on morals, Governor Adkins expressed disapproval of gambling and the use of liquor revenues to support state charity and welfare work.

"No man ever made or gained anything of permanent value through gambling," he said. "I regret it is ever thought necessary to resort to taxing gambling and gaming devices for revenue for running the state government or for charitable purposes."

"The same thing applies to whisky and beer."

"I had rather pay three times the property tax on my property if necessary to, than resort to these taxes."

Governor Adkins declared more is paid out in forms of expenses for prisons, hospitals for nervous diseases and other similar institutions than is ever collected in taxes on liquor.

He also went on record as opposing the state's easy divorce laws.

"I have never thought that Arkansas should compete with any other state in the matter of quick divorces," he said.

The senate and the house have defeated efforts to pass bills requiring a five-day notice of intention to wed but have approved bills which raise the minimum age limits for marriage, S. B. No. 207 by Senator Reeves of Hermitage and Byrd of El Dorado, now pending, would restrict the issuance of licenses to regular daylight hours and would prevent performance of a marriage ceremony after 9 p. m. The bill received an adverse committee report.

Mexico supplies 74 per cent of the world's chicle.

Magnolia Wins District Title

Walkersville Captures B Tournament Saturday

LEWISVILLE, Ark.—Magnolia high school's smooth working basketball machine outclassed and outscored the Toxarkana, Ark., Razorbacks here Saturday night, 31 to 16, to win the District Ten tournament.

In the B tournament, Walkersville scored a thrilling 21 to 19 victory over the Walkers Creek quintet to annex the title in that class.

It was Magnolia all the way in the Class A tourney as the Columbia county leads took the lead from the opening whistle and at times coasted to come home with practically 2 to 1 advantage.

The half-time score found Magnolia leading 15 to 6.

Franklin Furn. Co. Has New Location

The Franklin Furniture Co. has moved its store to the old New Theater building on South Elm street, it was announced Monday. The old furniture store location is being remodeled and will be the new home of the Arkansas Louisiana Gas Co.

CRANIUM CRACKERS

Some Capitals
Listed below in opposite columns are 10 countries and 10 capitals. Can you match them up correctly?

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| 1. Cuba | (a) Berne |
| 2. Hungary | (b) Budapest |
| 3. Bolivia | (c) Caracas |
| 4. Brazil | (d) Tirana |
| 5. Switzerland | (e) Santiago |
| 6. Albania | (f) Managua |
| 7. Nicaragua | (g) LaPaz |
| 8. Venezuela | (h) Nassau |
| 9. Bahamas | (i) Havana |
| 10. Chile | (j) Rio de Janeiro |

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